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**Robert Lathrop Pleads Guilty to Felony Murder**

Rochester, NY- Today, District Attorney Sandra Doorley announced that Robert Lathrop, 17, of Rochester pled Guilty to Felony Murder charges for his role in the death of 53 year old Matthew SanFilippo. The December 31, 2011 murder occurred when Lathrop and an accomplice attempted to rob the victim on Orchard Street. SanFilippo was shot during the incident and was pronounced dead at the scene of single gunshot wound to the back. Lathrop was developed as a suspect by the Rochester Police Department during the course of the investigation and was apprehended on 3 days later.

“The death of Matthew Sanfilippo is a startling example of the type of violence that everyone fears; completely random, wholly pointless, and tremendously brutal,” said Perry Duckles, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau at the Monroe County District Attorneys Office.

Robert Lathrop, who was 16 at the time of the murder, will appear for sentencing on December 12<sup>th</sup> before Judge Alexander Renzi, where he faces between 18 and 20 years to life in prison.

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